



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: Crawford, Charles K.
Serial No.: 10/014,164
Filed: 10/26/01
For: Minimal Thickness, Double-Sided Flanges for Ultra-High
Vacuum Components
Group Art Unit: 3676
Examiner: Pickard, Alison K. DOCKET: Kimball 00.01

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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 24, 2003 (Paper No. 3). In response thereto, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this first response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this first response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) | | | Docket No. Kimball 00.01 | | |
| Applicant(s): Abbott, et al. | | | | | |
| Serial No. 10/014,164 | Filing Date October 26, 2001 | Examiner Pickard, Alison K. | Group Art Unit 3676 | | |
| Invention: Minimal Thickness, Double-sided Flanges for Ultra-High Vacuum Components | | | | | |
| <p>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | |
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 27 - | 24 = | 3 x | \$9.00 | \$27.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4 - | 3 = | 1 x | \$43.00 | \$43.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$70.00 |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1391 in the amount of \$70.00</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p> | | | | | |
| <p><i>Norman P. Soloway</i> Signature</p> <p>Norman P. Soloway Reg. No. 24,315 175 Canal Street Manchester NH 03101 (603) 668-1400</p> | | | <p style="text-align:right">RECEIVED JAN 12 2004 GROUP 3600</p> <p>Dated: December 24, 2003</p> | | |
| <p>cc: slc</p> | | | <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on December 24, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p><i>Stephanie L. Capone</i> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</p> <p>Stephanie L. Capone Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p> | | |
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